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THE SCENIC HIGHWAY



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LAS VEGAS

HHEADQUARTERS New Mexico Division of the A., T. & S. F. railway system.
Population of city and suburbs, 10,000. Altitude, 6,400 feet.

An ideal summer and winter climate. The mean annual temperature 51.70.

Three hundred sunny days in a year.

Recommended for healthfulness by leading physicians of the country.

Excellent system of water supply from mountain streams.

Most attractive residence city of the section.

All leading church denominations represented.

Fine system of public schools. Territorial Normal University. Carnegie Library.

Y. M. C. A. well organized, with building in prospect.

Good hotel and boarding accommodations.

Attractive mountain drives and resorts.

Electric railway in city, to the famous Hot Springs and Gallinas Cañon.

Great undeveloped mining district adjacent now being opened up.

Gallinas Park.—A beautiful place for recreation and amusement, with the finest speeding course in the Southwest.



LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS is a city of homes, schools and churches. Many of its ten thousand inhabitants are wealthy and cultured. Few are lacking in the wholesome, open-hearted Western spirit which is ever ready with a welcome for the man of high or low estate. Those who think of coming to this rapidly developing Southwestern land are often deterred by the belief that they must relinquish the refinements and many of the comforts of life. It will be pleasing to these to learn that in Las Vegas they will find a corner of the Southwest where no such sacrifice is exacted.

The schools in Las Vegas are fully up to the high Eastern standard. The city is the seat of one of the Territorial Normal Schools. Its public and high schools are ably conducted, and there are also excellent convent schools.

It has a trolley system which operates throughout the city and reaches the beautiful mountain country adjacent to the grand Gallinas Cañon. In such modern utilities as electric light, water and railroad facilities it is quite up to the standard.

There are churches of nearly all denominations, presided over by able pastors.

Its banks are as stable as any throughout the country. The modern sidewalks and lovely lawns have long been a subject of favorable remark on the part of

visitors. No city in the Southwest possesses so many handsome homes, nor a more highly educated and cultured people. Its stores are equal to those of cities ten times its size, and prices are those of the Eastern standard.

The people have many pursuits. Many residents are of independent means, living here solely on account of the superb climate and educational facilities. The professions are represented by men of marked ability. A large proportion of the population consists of ranchmen, cattle and sheep growers, railroad men, business men, and artisans of all kinds. As a wool market and as a supply point for a large area of country, this city is important. Its growth is steady and substantial and it has a future surpassed by no Southwestern community.

LAS VEGAS CLIMATE

MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR YEAR

January	33.2	July.....	68.6
February	37.6	August	69.6
March.....	38.1	September	61.0
April.....	53.4	October	51.6
May.....	58.3	November	40.2
June	71.2	December.....	32.7
Mean annual temperature.....		51.7	

Last of Spring, April 26

First of Autumn, October 3

Clear days	286	Prevailing direction of wind.....	West
Partly cloudy days.....	64	Precipitation	9.78 inches
Cloudy days.....	15	Snowfall	15.5 inches
Rainy days	53		

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

WHEN the charms of the bluest of Italian skies have faded, the fragrance of the soft zephyrs that breathe over the Andalusian hills and the delights of "sunlit vales of Araby the Blest" have been forgotten, the sweet, exhilarating air and soft sunshine of this region of mesa and valley and mountain will remain fresh in memory. Few who have listened to the beguiling siren voices that steal with the breezes from the hills, and have bathed in the golden flood that ebbs only with the shadows of the night, can find the content that once they knew in other lands. The charm may be inexplicable, but indubitably it is found in New Mexico. The brown and barren mesas, the beautiful mountains and lovely valleys

that surround this region are favored with an ideal climate, unsurpassed upon this continent.

The sunny, golden winter days are replete with charm. The summers—golden and lovely, too, but broken often by short-lived showers—are always cool and delightful. The mellow, hazy autumn days are without a flaw.

The shadow of death is lifted and disease loses its power to blight before the dry, bracing atmosphere of the beautiful hills. Tuberculosis, direst scourge of the human race, cannot originate here, and thousands who come from every state in the union, and from the far corners of the earth, have been restored to rugged health, or greatly benefited. Many cures that fall little short of the miraculous have been

reported, and in no case where the location has been sought in the early stages of throat and lung diseases has improvement failed to result. Cool and energizing in summer, dreamy and deliciously calm in the autumn, bright and warm in the winter, inspiriting, though often too breezy for comfort in the spring, the best physicians are beginning to coincide in the opinion that this city and immediate vicinity combine more advantages for an all-the-year-around climate than any other part of the world. While this is particularly true regarding the treatment of tubercular disease, yet the most robust find delight in the quality of the climate, and the weak and weary, from whatever cause, draw from the brilliant sunshine and vitalizing air the rest or healing or recreation they may need.

CHICAGO, June 2, 1904.

I beg leave to say that I have personally visited Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Phoenix, Denver, Colorado Springs and many other points in the West and Southwest, and as a result of personal observation, I am satisfied that Las Vegas is the best place in the Southwest for a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis at all seasons of the year. Sheltered as it is by the mountains from the north, and far enough south to escape the severe cold of Denver, having an ideal water supply and no mosquitoes, and very few flies, comparatively little dust, never too hot in the summer and never too cold in the winter, I consider this location ideal. I have sent many patients there, and they have all done well. Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) GEORGE W. WEBSTER, M. D.,

President State Board of Health, Illinois; Professor Clinical Medicine, Northwestern University Medical College; Attending Physician, Mercy and Wesley Hospitals, etc.



PANORAMIC VIEW OF LAS VEGAS NEW MEXICO

CHICAGO June 1, 1904.

I have been on the ground. Permit me to say that I consider it in every way ideal. We may talk as much as we like about the home treatment of consumption at low altitudes, but the great benefit afforded these cases by the altitude and climate such as that of Las Vegas is unquestioned. A. M. CORWIN, M. D.,

Professor Physical Diagnosis, College of Physicians and Surgeons; Staff, Cook County Hospital.

CHICAGO, August 1, 1904.

I feel that it is one of the best localities in the United States for the treatment of tuberculosis. Having lived there for a number of months in 1890, I had an opportunity to make close observation of the telluric and physical conditions of the place, and I believe you will find that it will give great results.

J. B. MURPHY, M. D.,

Professor Surgery, Northwestern University Medical College; Attending Surgeon, Cook County and Alexian Brothers' Hospitals, etc.





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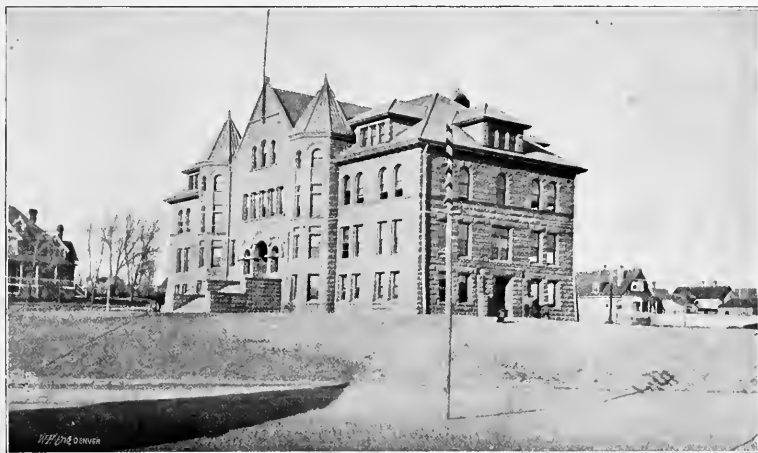


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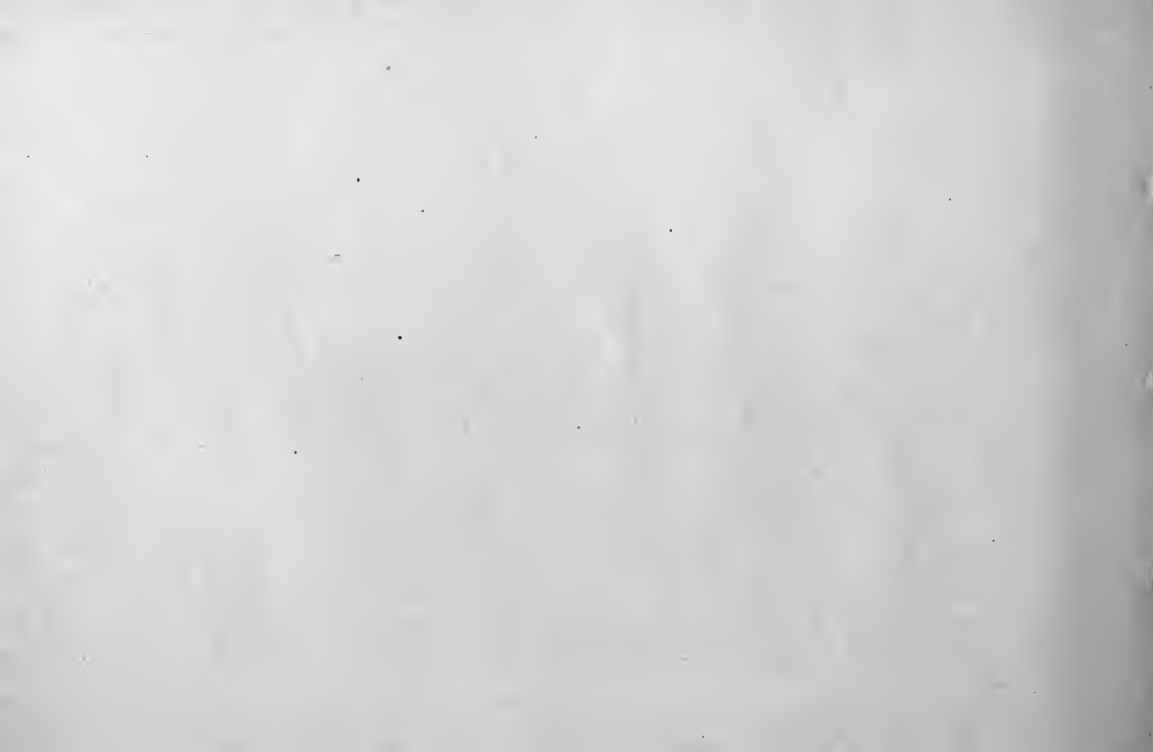


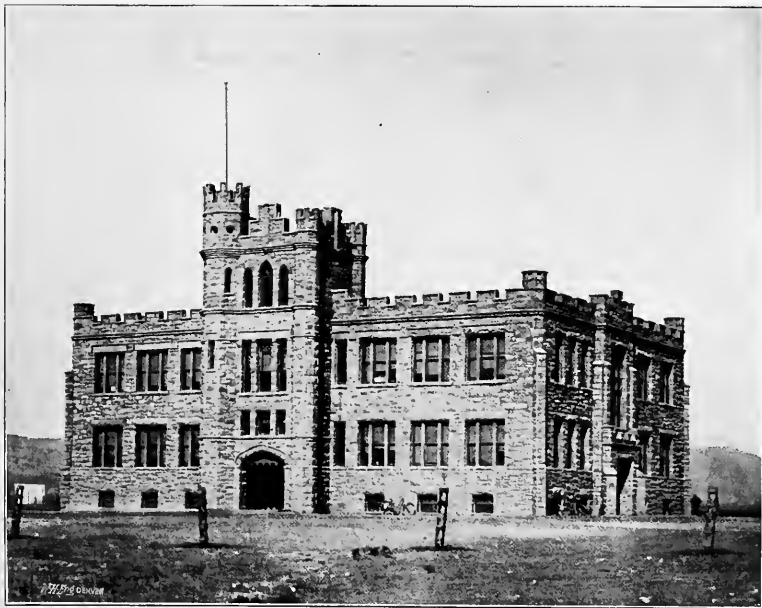
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NORMAL UNIVERSITY





CASTLE SCHOOL





DOUGLAS SCHOOL





BRIDGE STREET



THE PLAZA



— LAS VEGAS CHURCHES —



THE SCENIC HIGHWAY

“NEW MEXICO has solved the most vital industrial problem of the age—how to utilize convict labor to construct highways. She may confidently challenge the nation to match her mountain road now under construction from Las Vegas to Santa Fe. Its standards of location and construction have known no equal in my field, which reaches from the Missouri River to the Pacific, and from British Columbia to Mexico.” Signed: JAMES W. ABBOTT,

U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Abbott is the special agent of the Mountain and Pacific Coast Division of the Office of Public Road Inquiries.

The following extracts from the interview with Mr. Abbott are indicative of the high estimate which he places upon the character of the work being done in the cañon of the Gallinas.

"This is the greatest day I have ever spent."

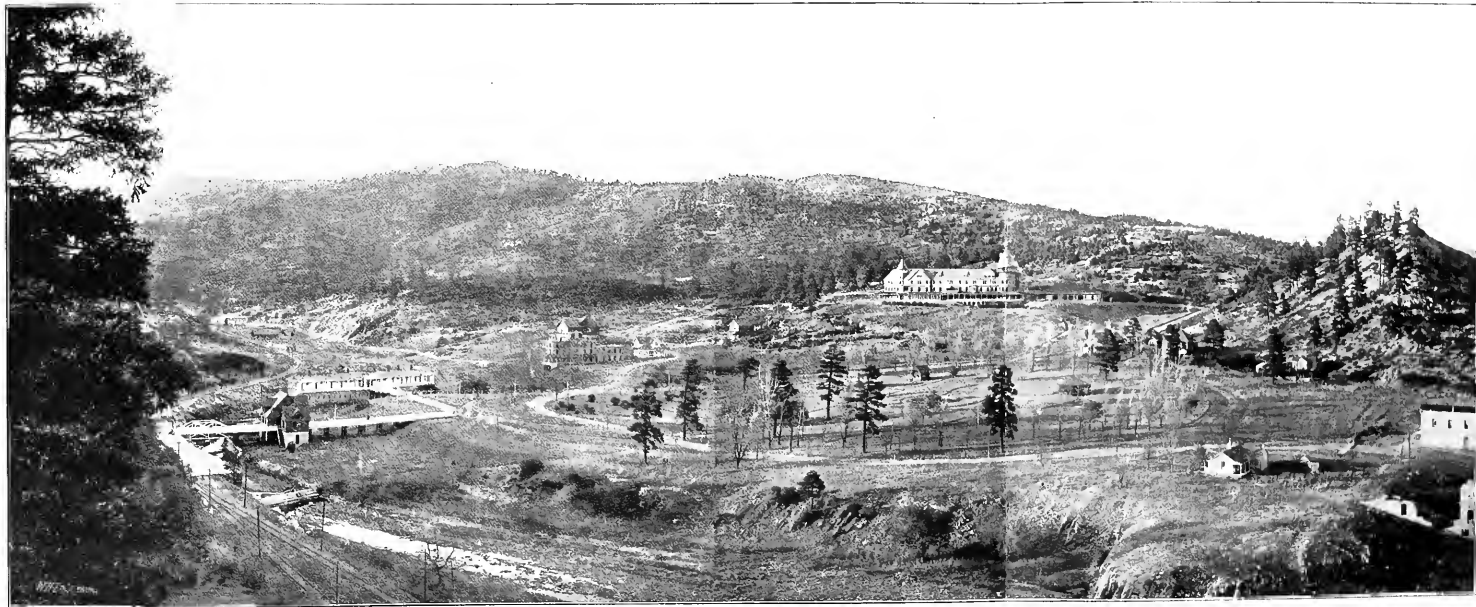
"New Mexico has accomplished more to advance the cause of good road reform than has been done by any other state in the union. You have gotten right down to business and settled the great question of road building."

"I don't believe any other mountain highway on the American continent has been conceived along such perfect lines, and built on so high a standard, all of double-track width, with a maximum grade of 5 per cent., so that a horse with a buggy can trot over it from end to end."

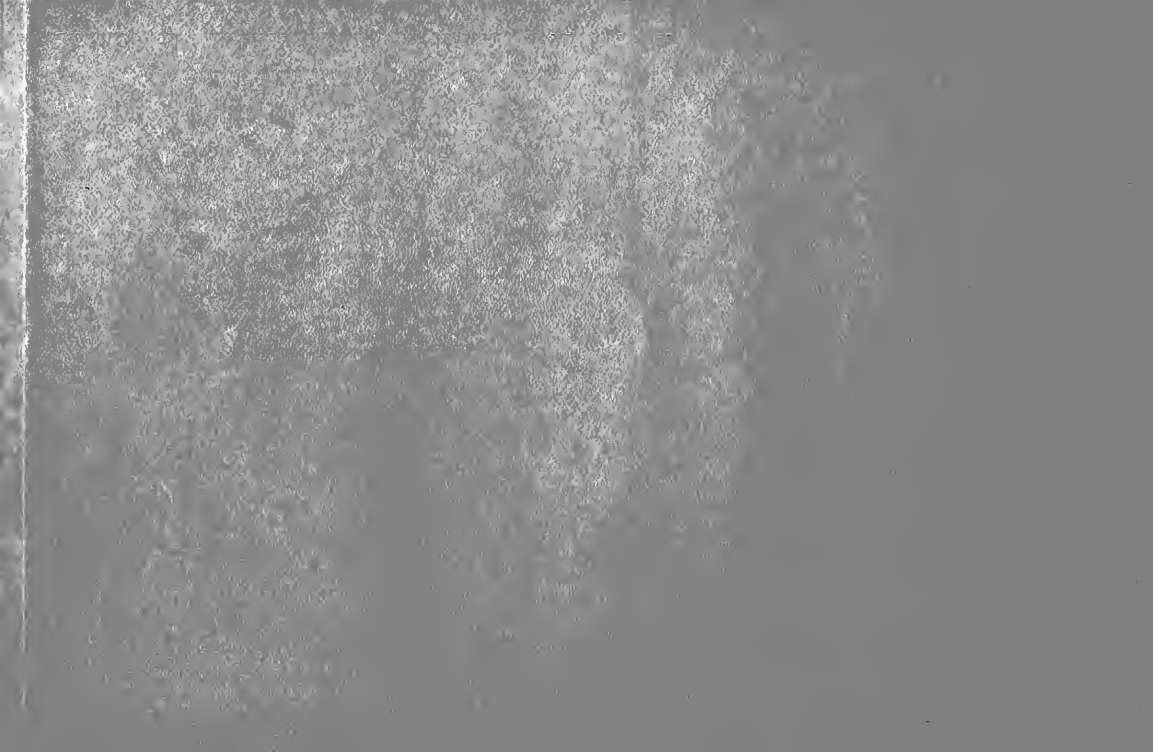
The Scenic Highway, now undergoing rapid construction between Santa Fe and Las Vegas, will take front rank among the finest roads of the world. This high-







— LAS VEGAS HOT SPRINGS, SCENIC HIGHWAY —



land way makes its path over the noblest of mountains, across the Pecos Forest Reserve and along the steep sides of the great green hills that border the beautiful valleys and the stupendous cañons of the Pecos, Gallinas and Sapello rivers. The distance is scarce fifty miles, but within that interval the eye may rest upon scenes as fair, as picturesque, as richly colored and as magnificent as any on earth. Fifteen miles or more of this grand highway have already been completed. It will give great interest to the American public in that it will make accessible a new Wonderland—a wonderland filled with purple peaks, Titan gorges, superbly colored forests of silver aspens and dark pines, rushing streams, shining yellow mesas and floods of the most brilliant sunshine—a wonderland without a single prosaic feature.

The Grand Cañon of Arizona scarcely surpasses in effulgence of coloring, in grandeur, in majestic and harmonious beauty, the giant chasm through which the waters of the Gallinas find their way between the magnificent Mount of the Hermit

and the lofty peaks of Del Cielo. Where scant hundreds have been charmed by the prodigal beauties of this region, the Scenic Highway will open the path to thousands.

New Mexico is building the Scenic Highway. Its design is in no sense utilitarian. The sole object of this mountain way is to give to the world a view of scenery unsurpassed upon the globe. Convicts from the penitentiary are the builders. The results are a confessed solution of the great question of convict labor. The world at large will learn from this jurisdiction the lesson taught by experience. Not a Roman of old, not a master of to-day has builded a more excellent way. It winds through deep chasms and over dizzy heights, but everywhere it is wide and hard and smooth, supported by solid stone and with never a grade of more than four per cent. Few events in this life can be more pleasant than a drive, on one of our ideal days, upon this splendid road which leads away to the mountain wonderland that so few have been fortunate enough to penetrate.



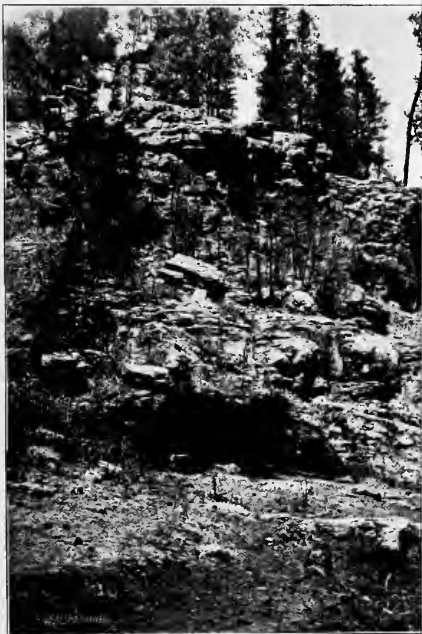
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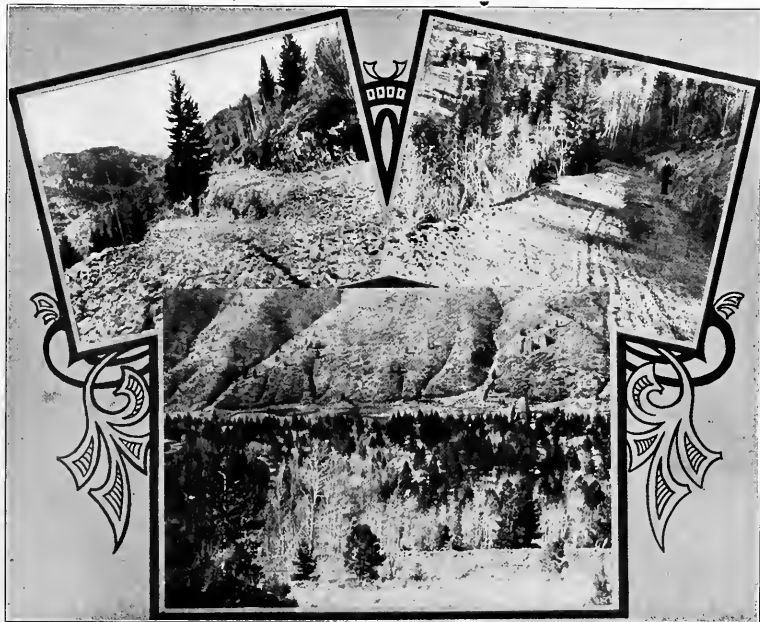
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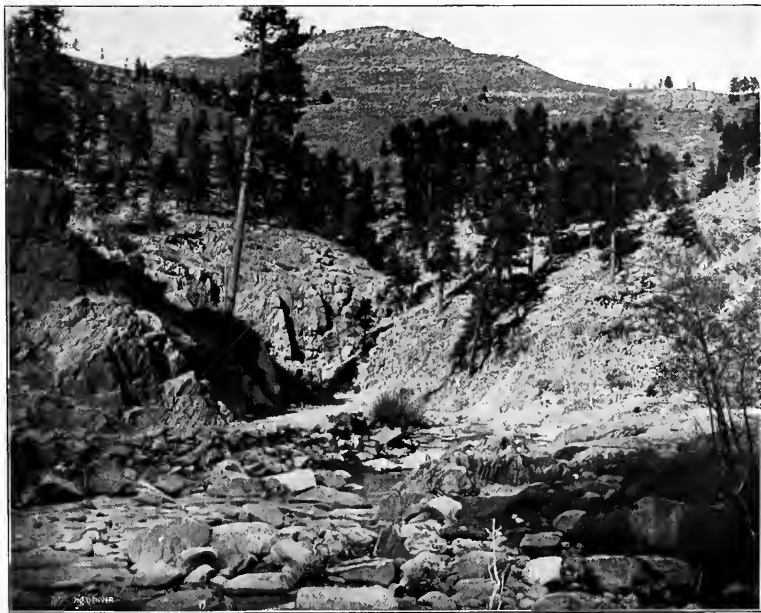
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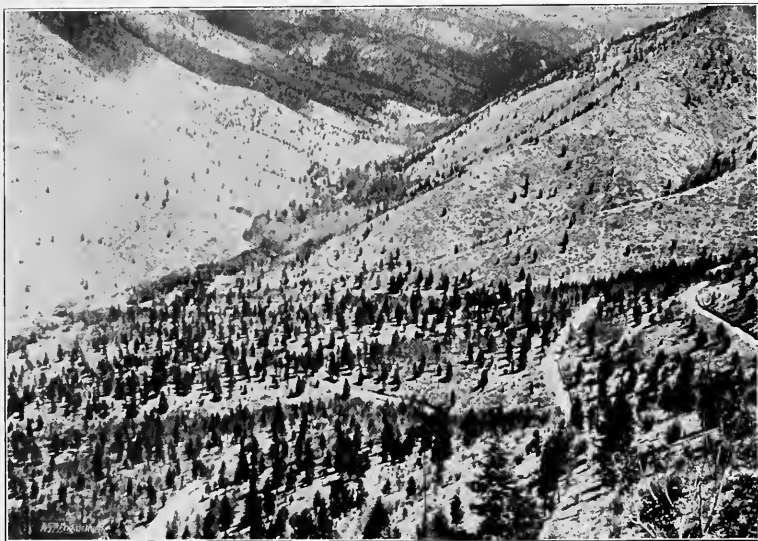
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GALLINAS PARK

LAS VEGAS is proud of Gallinas Park. Nowhere between the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast is found a better race-course than that located at Gallinas Park. Its accessibility to the city of Las Vegas, being paralleled on the west by the electric railway for a distance of nearly a mile, lying in the beautiful valley just at the mouth of the Gallinas Cañon—a more ideal spot for a race-course and pleasure resort could not be found in the entire region of the Rocky Mountains. Supplied as it is with water of the purest, with electric power and lights, with stables unequaled on any race-course in the West, it is, in truth, the horseman's paradise. A view of the pictures of this beautiful park in this souvenir gives

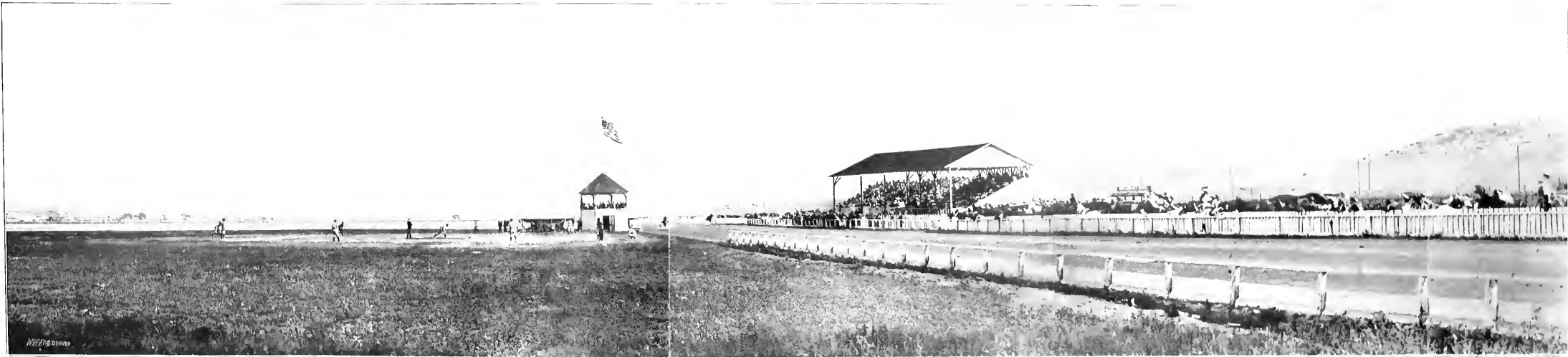
scant idea of the wealth of landscape which surrounds the park and makes it beyond all question the most beautiful resort of New Mexico. Midway between the great race tracks of the Mississippi Valley and the East and the winter courses of the Pacific Coast, Gallinas Park offers to owners of harness and running horses alike the greatest of advantages in stopping over for resting and training purposes. The track is available for speeding and training every month in the year; and, in addition to the race course itself, there are in the park over two and one-half miles of driveways and boulevards unexcelled in any portion of the West. The stable facilities are excellent and the management is most liberal.



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